

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14, and 16-25 are pending. Claims 2, 4, 11, 13, and 15 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. New claims 21-25 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 14, and 18-20 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been rewritten accordingly.

Independent claim 1 as amended includes the features of original claim 2. Therefore, claim 1, and claims 3, 6-9, 16, and 17 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 5 is allowable.

Independent claim 10 as amended includes the features of original claim 11. Therefore, claim 10 and claim 12 depending therefrom are allowable.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 14 is allowable.

Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 18 and new claims 21-25 depending therefrom are allowable.

Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 19 and claim 20 depending therefrom are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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